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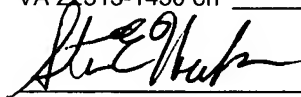
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that certain patent documents and non-patent documents be made of record in the official U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) file relating to the above-identified application. In order to facilitate the Examiner's citation of such patent documents and non-patent documents, Applicants' attorney has completed U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and the completed Forms are made part hereof by way of attachment. The citation of the patent documents and the non-patent documents should not be construed as an admission that they constitute prior art with respect to the present invention.

Copies of the U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications are not included herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), while copies of the foreign patent documents are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner, together with copies of the non-patent documents.

All patent and non-patent documents cited herewith are in the English language and comments concerning the relevance thereof are therefore considered unnecessary. However, it is noted that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,598,029 and 6,047,274, PCT Publication Nos. WO 01/75756 and WO 98/3884, and U.S. Published Pat. App. No. 2004/0015433 are patent properties that relate to the present application and that list the same inventors as the present application, i.e., Messrs. Johnson and Coyle (the "Related Properties"). **Each of the other patent and non-patent documents cited herewith were cited or otherwise made of record during prosecution of one or more of the Related Properties, except for three (3) documents (citations 44-46) authored by Cramton, which are discussed below.**

With respect to the three (3) Cramton documents, Applicant is not certain as to their respective dates of publication and merely used the date shown in the header of each document, which may or may not be the publication date. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to present evidence and/or submit argument in this and/or any other proceeding concerning the "publication dates" of the Cramton documents and/or any other non-patent document.

Should there remain any questions or other matters whose resolution could be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at his number below. Applicants also wish to advise the Examiner that they are preparing a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner prior to his substantive examination of the present application. Also, the Examiner is authorized to charge any fee associated with this submission, charge any deficiency, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 503571.

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